## An Appeal for Justice.

It is an undeniable fact and a grievous wrong that the present condition of the Negroes living in our Southern States which constitute so largely an important part of this great rebublic ("America") and in the presence of our great American leader, defender, of human rights and priviledges and christian advocate, I beg of you your Excellency the President of the United States of America, to raise your voice in defence of the American Negro citizens of the States of North, and South Carolina who are Simply the targets of all the political diabolical out-rages, wrongs, and barbarous treatment they are receiving from their fellow citizens. As well as political enemies. Sir I beg of you in the face of the unconstitutional wrong, and for the Sake of humanity in the name of God "Who frowns upon all wrongs of whatever kind they may be; I implore you for the sake of Justice to stop this outragious sin.

If I could reach the hearts of all patriotic, law-abiding, christian citizens, I believe I would have a large concourse of religious, liberty-loving, God fearing Americans agree with me in these shameful menacing environments, that we a part of this great Nation people are constantly subjected to.

Most honored and esteemed Sir; I am an American woman, born under our honored flag and loving all that it teaches, all that it inspires, and all that it enobles; I offer to you Sir, And to my people as well whatever service I can possible render in the defence of these recent, and continued deplorable wrongs.

I would Suggest that special divine service be held in churches of every denomination, imploring divine help from Almighty-God for the liberation of theses poor defenceless, Americans, whose Sons Aided So largely this government in securing and giving to Cuba; the rights and piviledges all people should enjoy, that of Equal Justice, and Independence.

I beseech you to issue a Proclamation that may awaken consciousness in the hearts of white citizens in that Section of this rebublic to cease these hostilities against the black-Americans living in those States.

I am Respectfully, And most obediently

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